

Blofield Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of Meeting Monday 13th July 2015, held at Heathlands Community Centre

Present – Trish Brocklebank, Rachel Leggett, Paull Culley-Barber, Rob Christie, Miles Green, Pat Wilson, Graham Cooper, Yvonne Burton

Apologies – Amy Smith, Jane Parry, Gorge Pickersgill

1. Minutes of last meeting – approved.

Matters arising – Conversation held at : -

Hemblington School before a full governors meeting – highlights of which is that they have fought hard to keep school a village school. Pedestrian crossing needed. They also realise they may have to go with the flow and they could extend at the rear of the school. Half of the current pupils are made up of incoming children. School is full, but they may have to review admissions policy.

RC A crossing is already in the planned development.

Blofield School with five teacher governors, echo same sentiments, plans for expansion still not returned, but potentially four extra classrooms, pupils rising to 360ish

Still chasing Church for a meeting.

Developer Kier wants to meet.

Courthouse meeting 3.8.15

2. Vision objectives – where we are in the process – sheets given out with timetable.

Paul and Rachel have been to a NP meeting with Rackheath, Drayton, Salhouse, Brundall. Brundall have submitted a draft – consultation, RC has read to advise PC whether they should respond. Consultation should have taken place between Brundall PC and Blofield PC. Brooms development - to keep locally may accept development of riverbank to enable factory to move, otherwise they would risk damaging the supply chain nationally. A cover note is to go out with voting card. Rackheath are thinking about appointing a consultant. Meeting with Broadland DC - RC, RL went through policies – four hours! Broadland DC needs to be happy with what we are doing, light touch/heavy hand approach?

Meeting with John Cotton – Highways tomorrow.

10.8.15 next steering group meeting – implementation plan, to be decided, but policies have to be sufficiently defined. 26/27 Sept in the public domain for six weeks starting 25.9.15 followed by six weeks consultation – in physical form – on PC website, on blog, on Broadland DC website. Then can be submitted to Broadland DC followed by another six week

consultation period. Gap for amendments, signing off will be needed by PC. Form needed that can be filled in to put forward (residents?) views. Amendments may be needed, so may not go to the PC until November. Broadland consultation with Statutory Agencies, examination, six month process after it leaves us. Process takes 18 months overall. Is it possible to be ready for consultation by September? No wriggle room! Consultation may need to be moved to the end of October. Paul will rebook the rooms. Need to publicise widely, this is an exhibition of the plan. Focal Point etc. 17/18th October.

3. Emerging policies meeting with Broadland DC – Context, went in to meeting with a lot of policies, were told they were not about land use. Plan is for use of planning authority, those we had were not in national requirements. Some not needed because they were already in overriding planning policy. They did accept narrative of concerns of residents in the parish. Said what we had drafted could go in as projects. A possible layout has been developed. Document has to be understood by residents. Background/ Objective/ Policy statement - the teeth / maps/ parish projects in document. Transport – difficult to be related to land use. Useful to have projects already identified, so that 106money can be allocated. Need to list things that have to be in the implementation plan.

PW No mention of the Courthouse in plan, it is also a successful hub.

RL Courthouse has not been identified in consultation.

PC-B We have not had the conversation with the Courthouse yet, when we will find what The NP can do for the Courthouse.

GC We need a cemetery
Blofield shares the one at Brundall.

TB Language, wording is important e.g. allocates, be careful that if you list things you do not exclude others.

RL Employment/ housing grade 1 agricultural land, conflict. The can be unintended consequences.

MG The last thing you build on is grade 1 agricultural land
But this is trumped by no five year supply of building land. E.g. in accordance with national policy, quote legislation – could go into background text.

Rachel Leggett will amend and circulate policies, in draft followed by a phone call to each of us. Look at collectively in August, close to the next meeting.

Deadline for policy - to go into Sept Focal Point, flyer in Sept issue A5 cost?

4. How we communicate, how we run events. PC website – Martin to update in early August – i.e. New date for diary – look at physical copy of plan – showing people the draft plan. Sheet

for recording comments formally, complete at venue. Capture who has attended. Three pages for each area to be displayed. Exhibition of the plan. Man in shifts 11- 14:00. Sustainability appraisal available for viewing. Summary sheets to take away? Too soon, summary should be drawn up before the referendum.

Hard copies to be distributed around parish – Library, Doctors Surgery, Heathlands, MHH, Courthouse, Church, School receptions, Pub, Shops, POs, Brewster Court, West View, Tennis, bowls, football Clubs, Scout Hut.

Posters on parish notice boards, telegraph poles etc.

TB review – August publicise, flyer Sept, exhibition October.

Volunteers needed to distribute – October steering group meeting

August meeting –implementation plan, flyer, draft policy

NP event at Heathlands Fete 20th July YB to lead with help from RG and TB

Restrict e-mails to steering group remove resigned persons from circulation list, since some information is sensitive out of context.

5. Close of meeting 9:20 early!!
6. Next Meeting 7:30pm 10th August 2015, committee room at Heathlands.

Yvonne Burton.